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Dear Mr. Sollen:

It is a pleasure to send the information about the response to the President's speech of October 22 on Cuba which you recently requested.

During the first 10 days after the President's speech, a total of roughly 55,000 letters, telegrams and postcards were received. Of these, over 32,000 were fully in support of the President's position, about 10,000 opposed some part or all of the President's policy or raised alarm about possible future courses of action; 12,106 included such a variety of comments and or suggestions that they could not be considered merely pro or con, but were listed as "comments". The volume of mail on the Cuban speech has continued to be consistently high, and letters are still being received every day.

To my knowledge, this information has not been released previously in this specific form. I hope that you will find it helpful.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

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